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GIBRALTAR:

OUR *English* and *Dutch* Fleet, consisting of Fifty four Men of War, came into this Bay about Twelve of the Clock, and a Council of War being held, it was concluded, That Two Thousand Marines, Commanded by his Highness the Prince of *Hess*, should Land and Encamp within half a Cannon-Shot of the Town; this being done, Admiral *Byng*, with one and twenty Ships of War Cannonaded the Town, which they continued with all Imaginable Vigor from 6 of the Clock in the Morning till Twelve, and the Enemy finding themselves weak, as also being overcome by the Prayers and Importunities of the Women, Hoisted a Flag of Truce to Capitulate, which receiv'd the Honourable Conditions following: That with flying Colours, Bag and Baggage,

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Two Cannon, and each Officer a Horse, should leave the Town in so many days, which they did on *Thursday* being the Twenty-seventh of *July*.

August the 1st. The whole Fleet sail'd from hence in order to Water at *Tetuan*, where having Intelligence of the *French* Fleet coming down the *Straights*, they steer'd their Course Northward, and met them in the Height of *Malaga*.

The 13th. Where both Fleets having arraing'd their Ships in Line of Battle, there begun a most vigorous Fight. It begun at Ten in the Morning, and lasted till Night oblig'd both Fleets to retire, having got no great Odds; for the two days following both kept the Lines of Battle, and at last parted with one another by Night.

The 19th. Our Fleet arrived in the Bay of *Gibraltar* much in disorder.

The 27th. The wind presenting fair our Fleet sailed homeward towards *England*; Where is to be noted that the Garrison was blockaded from the first taking of it.

September the 25th. The *French* Fleet consisting of 20 Sail, came into our Bay with Men, Ammunitions and Provision for the *Spanish* Camp, and sail'd from hence the 11th. of *October*, leaving 6 Ships behind, of whom hereafter in its place.

October the 9th. The *Spaniards* open'd their Trenches before this Town, and on *Sunday* the 15th. they fired out of a Battery of 3 Guns on our Round Tower,

er, which in a few days they have ruined, in ſpite of all our firing we made from our 2 Mortars, and all our Batteries.

The 16*th*. About 12-a-Clock at Night the Enemy ſent ſeveral Boats well mann'd, who burnt a Bomb-catch, Captain *Cooke* Commander, belonging to us, which lay between the old Mold, and the North Baſtion.

The 28*th*. The Enemy fired out of a Battery of ſeven Guns, upon the Baſtion of St. *Pauls*, and the ſame Morning was Count *Newgene*, Governor of the place wounded, who died in five Days after; and alſo, *Sunday* the 29*th*, Colonel *Fox*, of the Marines, was kill'd by a Cannon-ſhot, the ſame inſtant arrived 24 Sail, under the Command of Sir *John Leake*, and burnt the ſix remaining Ships which the *French* had left in the Bay, and took a ſmall Frigat beſide.

The 31*ſt*. Five-hundred *Spaniards* attack'd the *Middle-Hall*, but by the Diligence and Bravery of our Officers and Soldiers were ſoon repuls'd, and 200 Men with their Commanding Officer taken, and the reſt were either kill'd by our Shot, or in making their Eſcapes, broke their Necks over the Rocks and Precipices, which in that place are very many and prodigiouſly high; in this Skirmiſh was Prince *Henry* wounded.

November *the* 1*ſt*. We opened our Mine, which is not as yet finiſh'd, two parts of it was fit for Service long ago.

The 2*d.* The Spaniſh Magazeen of Powder was blown up accidentally, which, according to relation had from Deſerters, killed 200 of their Men.

The 7*th.* The Enemy fired out of their Battery of 12 Guns upon our Curtain, and old Caſtle, wherein a few days they made conſiderable Breaches; they fired alſo out of two Guns upon the old Mold; and with two more upon a place call'd *Salto de Alobo*, and from three upon a place commonly call'd *Willeſe*'s Battery.

The 16*th.* The Garriſon was allarm'd about 10 of the Clock at Night, on Diſcovery of ſome Men approaching us from the Camp.

The 27*th.* *Sunday* being the Eve of the Conception of the *Bleſſed Virgin*, all the Garriſon was call'd to the Breach out of a Precaution, that the Enemy would make an Attack the next Morning as being a Day of Devotion.

December *the* 3*d.* All the Garriſon was call'd to Arms, as having many defenceleſs Breaches.

The 5*th.* The Garriſon call'd again to Arms upon Suſpition of Treachery.

The 7*th.* Nine Ships with part of our Succours arrived here, the reſt being intercepted by the *French*-Fleet Commanded by Monſieur *Ponti*; and the Night following, all the Garriſon were call'd to Arms, as being the Eve of the Duke of *Anjou*'s Birth-day.

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The 8th. Being the aforesaid Duke's Birth-day, the Enemy fired out of a Battery of eight Guns; and gave many Salvos Royal; from all their Batteries and Mortars, now it is to be noted, they have Bombarded the Town from the Twenty-eighth of *October* to this Day.

The 9th. All the other Ships, excepting Six, came safe in.

The 10th. The next day all the Garrison went to Arms, which was occasion'd by some of our own Sailors, being discovered on the Top of the Hill, and taken for the Enemy.

The 12th. About 10-a-Clock at Night we made a Sally with 200 Soldiers, and 150 Granadeers, into the next Gabions, which effect was the Burning them, and Demolishing their other Works.

The 13th. Three *Spaniards* pretending to come in as Deserters, struck Artificial fire to the Facheens of our Round Tower, and then ran back to their own Trenches; but the fire was extinguisht in one hour's time.

The 14th. Our *English* and *Dutch* Fleet, which parted hence several Days ago under the Command of Sir *John Leak*, in order to Cruise about the Coast of *Spain*, arriv'd again in this Bay.

The 19th. The Ship in which my Lord *Dunegall* was came safe into this Harbour.

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The 20*th.* We made another Sally, in which Action about 50 Men of ours were kill'd and wounded.

The 23*d.* Our Fleet sail'd from hence towards *Portugal.*

The 29*th.* We all run to Arms, precipitately, upon a false Information of landing Men at the Point of *Europe*, where the Enemy had landed at the first Attack.

January *the* 8*th*, 170$\frac{3}{4}$. We fired from a Battery of three Guns, which we built upon the ruins of our Curtain over our Sally-port.

The 9*th.* The Enemy begun to Bombard again.

The 10*th.* The Prince of *Hesse Darmstadt*, Major-General *Shrimpton*, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Dunegall*, and all the Officers of the Garrison begun with all diligence to work for the Building of a new Battery behind the Curtain, next to the Bastion of St. *Pauls.*

The 17*th.* To fatigue the Enemy we made a Sally.

The 21*st.* About 5-a-Clock in the Afternoon was a Letter found written in Cifer, which seem'd to be at first not to be decifer'd without a Key, but was notwithstanding found out by his Highness, it was thought that this Paper was sent in by a Bomb.

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The 23d. A Hundred of the Enemy attack'd the Round Tower, but were bravely repuls'd by our Soldiers; the ſame day the Prince dined upon the Curtain.

The 26th. We fired out of a Cannon, newly plac'd by *Salto de Lobo*.

The 27th. Five-hundred Granadeers all *French* and *Iriſh*, who were to be ſuſtain'd by ſome Battalions of Foot, and Squadrons of Dragoons, attack'd vigorouſly, by the peep of day, our Round Tower and Breach, upon the Lines of Communication betwixt it, and *Salto de a Lobo*, and after one hours diſpute beat us out from both Poſts, and poſſeſs'd them for half an hour, but then were bravely repuls'd by our Troops, who coming to their Alarm Poſts in great Numbers, behav'd themſelves beyond all Expreſſion; the Enemies loſs is computed to be 250, ours being much inferior, the Enemy beat a Parly about 10 of the Clock for burying their dead, and continued until three in the Afternoon.

The 28th. Major *Moncall*, of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Barrymore*'s Regiment, and seven Officers more were sorely wounded by a Cannon-shot.

The 29th. The Enemy at Evening beat a Parly to release Prisoners, which being too late was refused.

The 30th. Was another Parly beat, under pretences to look for the Corps of some Person of Quality which was not found: But the design in effect, was, that the new General *Tesse* might find an occasion to view the Ground and Fortifications with more ease, and being so understood by the Prince, all Communication by Land was prohibited, and they only had Privilege to send in a Boat by Sea.

The 31st. The violent Rains oblig'd the Enemy to quit their Trenches, which continuing the next day, occasion'd a Gate of ours to fall, which kill'd 16 Men, and wounded 30.

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February *the* 3*d.* A moſt unſpeakable Thunder and Rain.

The 5*th.* Two Ships arrived here with the remainder of the *Dutch* Regiment.

The 7*th.* The *Tyger* arrived with the remainder of *Dunegal*'s Regiment, and the Night following our Sailors brought 500 Facheens of the Enemies from *Old Gibraltar* to the new Mold.

The 8*th.* A *French* Officer was ſent in by Mareſhal *de Teſſe*, with a Letter to treat about Priſoners.

The 10*th.* We begun to fire out of our Granade Morter, which did unſpeakable Prejudice to the Enemy.

The 12*th* Collonel *Gonzales* as being Guilty of High Treaſon, was ſhot in the Face of the whole Garriſon.

The 14*th.* A *Dutch* Company received damage by ſome Powder taking fire in their Quarters.

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The 15th. A *French* Squadron, consisting of 26 Men of War, Anchored in this Bay, which gave us reason to expect an Attack both by Sea and Land; but by stress of Weather compell'd to part in few days after, leaving 5 of their best Ships behind 'em, in order to prevent our having any Provision from *Barbary*, of whom more hereafter.

The 16th. A Drummer was sent into the Garrison upon the account of some Prisoners, and the Night following we made a Sally, in order to throw down their Gabions, which lay under our Round Tower, and which was effected.

The 17th. We made another Sally to fatigue the Enemy.

The 19th. About two in the Afternoon we fired out of our Battery of 9 Guns, which was begun the 10th, where his Highness, and all the Officers in the Garrison wrought till it was finisht, and fired 3 Volleys out of all the Artillery in Town.

The 20*th.* The five *French* Ships (which were left) unmored made us ſuſpect they deſign'd to attack us, on which the Garriſon was under Arms all Night, the next Day the ſaid *French* Ships form'd a Line, in order to take all ſhipping that paſt that way, upon which all the Officers of the Garriſon gave their Horſes to make a Troop of Dragoons to watch the point of *Europe*.

The 25*th.* We made a Sally of 24 Men by Night into the next Gabions, where were 30 Men of the *Walloon* Guard ſurpris'd, and taken Priſoners.

The 26*th.* We begun to make Mines under the Baſtion of St. *Paul's*, and the ſame Day a *French* Drummer came to releaſe Priſoners.

March *the* 8*th.* We fired out of a Cannon played betwixt the Caſtle and the Hill, which was of ſingular Prejudice to the Enemy; this Day came in a Drummer for Priſoners.

The 10*th.* Our Fleet compos'd of *Engliſh*, *Portugueze* and *Dutch*, entred the *Streights* with a great many Tranſports and Succours, who chaſed the five *French* Men of War which re-

main'd here, two of them run themſelves Aſhoar on the Coaſt of *Spain*, and were burn'd; the other three were taken, one of which fell to the *Engliſh*, the others to the *Dutch*.

The 11*th*. We made a Sally about 11 at Night, the deſign was to take off a Serjeant, and 12 Men, who lay to prevent Deſertion, which was effectually done, the Serjeant and another Man were brought in Priſoners.

The 14*th*. *Mountjoy*'s Granadeers, being part of our Succours, landed.

The 18*th*. The Enemy fired furiouſly from all their Batteries, after having repair'd them; and augmented the Battery of 8 to the number of 12 Guns.

The 19*th*. A Drummer came from the Enemies Camp to receive Priſoners.

The 21*ſt*. Four Ships arrived here with part of our Succours.

The 22*d*. A great quantity of Powder took fire accidentally by the Enemies Battery of Mortars.

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The 31*st.* Our Fleet which was detain'd by contrary Winds, ſince the burning of the late Ships, arrived here with the reſt of the Succours, and were ſaluted with a terrible Volley of our great Guns and Mortars.

April *the* 1*ſt.* The *French* Gabions took fire as was ſuppos'd accidentally, by which a great many of them were conſum'd, and all the time of their burning we kept a continual firing from our Guns and Mortars.

The 2*d.* The *Portugueze* Ships being Eight, ſailed hence for *Lisbon*, and the ſame Day was a Flag of Truce ſent from the Prince to the *Spaniſh* Camp, whoſe Buſineſs is unknown to us.

The 5*th.* The *Dutch* ſent all their Priſoners Aſhoar to the *Spaniſh* Camp with their Flag of Truce.

The 6*th.* Our Fleet ſail'd for *Lisbon*, and the ſame Day, according to Relation from a Deſerter the Enemy was to raiſe their Siege.

The

The 15th. This Day the Enemy loaded 12 large Boats with the heavy Luggage of their Camp, which ſail'd up the *Streights*; but were intercepted by the *Flamborrow* which lay in the new Mold, two of them being ſunk with 11 Braſs Guns, and one brought into the Garriſon loaden with Wine, in which was ſix Men, and the Priſoners looking Miſerably, were thought not worth their Meat, and ſo were ſent into their Camp again.

The 20th. The Enemy decampt in the Morning, and left only two Regiments of Dragoons behind them; that ſame Night they burn'd their Gabions in ſeveral Places.

The 21ſt. I went, my ſelf, into their Works, and found they had quitted them all. Some Officers, this ſame Day walking out were taken Priſoners by a Party of their Horſe which lay in Ambuſcade, but were ſent back again to the Garriſon the next Day.

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